

STATEMENT BY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Argentine Republic rejects the inclusions of the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands submitted by the United Kingdom in relation to the current or any other session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

This rejection keeps perfect harmony with what Argentina has been saying since 2006, in this forum and others related to it, in which the Argentine Republic, orally and in writing, firmly stated its strong rejection to the powers that the United Kingdom alleged itself over a territory internationally recognized as under a sovereignty dispute between two States.

In this sense, the Argentine Republic wishes to recall that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the Argentine national territory and that, being illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the subject of a sovereignty dispute, which has been recognized by Resolution 2065 (XX) and subsequent ones of the United Nations General Assembly and the resolutions of the Special Committee on Decolonization, which recognize the existence of a sovereignty dispute and the parties, that is, the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are urged to resume negotiations on sovereignty in order to reach a peaceful solution.

Also, the Argentine Republic reminds that, this past May, the Argentine Republic sent a note to the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC reiterating the rejection by my country of the references made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas in any documentation presented, submitted for consideration or distribution during this as well as any other session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Argentine Republic is unable to include in its national reports the emissions of greenhouse gases in the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands, which are an integral part of the Argentine national territory, since these islands are illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This occupation is contrary to the international law and to the mandate conferred by the international community, mandate which is enshrined in various United Nations resolutions calling on the Argentine Republic and on the United Kingdom to resume, as soon as possible, negotiations on sovereignty.

The British presence in said archipelagos and the surrounding maritime areas constitute an illegitimate occupation and is rejected by the Argentine Republic, as well as any unilateral act emanating from it.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its legitimate sovereignty rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich and the surrounding maritime areas.